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SUBJECT: WESTERN SAMOAN REQUEST FOR LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE:
VISIT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH

REF: (A) STATE 016335 (DTG 251801Z JAN 77)

(B) WELLINGTON 0309 (DTG 270418Z JAN 77)

1. GOWS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ASI EIKENI TELEPHONED
EMBASSY JANUARY 28 AND SPOKE WITH POLITICAL OFFICER CONCERNING
VEHICLES FOR WESTERN SAMOA. ASI SAID HE HAD RECEIVED
RETRANSMISSION OF SQUIRE'S MESSAGE (REFTEL A). HE SAID
HE UNDERSTOOD SQUIRE'S NEGATIVE REPLY TO BE LIMITED TO
QUESTION OF FREE RPT. FREE TRANSPORTATION ONLY. HE SAID
HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY OFFICERS AT CINCPAC AND AGAIN
IN TELEPHONE CALL TO SQUIRE THAT VEHICLES COULD BE
TRANSPORTED VIA MAC IF GOWS PREPARED TO PAY FULL COMMERCIAL
RATE OF \$18,500. ASI ADVISED HE HAD PRESENTED CASE TO GOWS
CABINET TODAY AND CABINET HAD APPROVED EXPENDITURE OF
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\$18,500 TO OBTAIN MAC AIRLIFT FROM HONOLULU TO PAGO PAGO.
BASED ON THIS APPROVAL, ASI ASKED THAT USG GO FORWARD
WITH AIRLIFT.

2. POLITICAL OFFICER TOLD ASI THAT JANUARY 26 MESSAGE
FROM SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT TOMA HAD BEENFORWARDED TO
DEPARTMENT JANUARY 27 AND THAT HIS TELEPHONE APPEAL WOULD

BE SIMILARLY FORWARDED VIA IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM. HE TOLD ASI FURTHERMORE THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD APPROVE MAC AIRLIFT, EVEN IF WESTERN SAMOA PREPARED TO PAY COMMERCIAL RATE. ASI SHOULD BE PREPARED, THEREFORE, FOR NEGATIVE RESPONSE. AT THIS ASI BECAME AGITATED AND REMARKED THAT ENTIRE GOWS PLANNING NOW BASED ON USE OF CONVERTIBLES. GOWS HAS TRIED TO OBTAIN SUITABLE VEHICLES IN PAGO PAGO WITHOUT SUCCESS AND ONLY HOPE IS AIRLIFT OF AUTOS FROM HONOLULU. HE SAID HE IS CERTAIN MAC IS WILLING TO PROVIDE AIRLIFT IF DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL GIVE GO-AHEAD.

3. POLITICAL OFFICER SAID HE WOULD REPORT TELECON IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON AND WOULD ADVISE ASI OF RESPONSE ASAP.

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